ONE CENT

THE WAR TELEGRAPHERS

Government Operators Claim to Have a Grievance.

EXTRA WORK WITHOUT PAY

Experts in Their Profession Say They Have Been Shabbily Treated by Uncle Sam-Complaints Against Lieutenant Pierson-They Will Appeal to Mr Meiklejohn,

A feeling of discontent prevalls among the telegraph operators in the War Department, who did yeoman service for their country during the war with Spain. It has as yet not taken the form of open revolt or precipitated more than several removals or resignations, but the men. with possibly two exceptions, have resolved to bring their grievances before Assistant Secretary Melkeljohn, of the War Department.

Naturally conservative and secretive, these men, who knew at all times the inside history of the war, were slow to speak, even about their own affairs. Today, however, several of them spoke freely to a Times reporter on the subject of their grievances.

The assistant chief operator, Mr. S. C. Wheeler, said as to the cause of the discontent among the operators: "The first complaint came when the men were required to work ten, eleven and twelve hours a day with no time for lunch. There is no compensation allowed for extra service as there is in the com-mercial telegraph offices, and as the men in the commercial service receive from \$75 to \$80 a month for seven and a half hours' work and 42 cents for every ad-ditional hour, there was a well-defined kick for higher wages or regular hours, not to exceed those of the employes in other branches of the Government serv-

The telegraph operators get only fifteen minutes for lunch, and work from 8 to 5 every day, Sunday included. I have worked from 8 and 9 o'clock in the morning until 11 and 12 o'clock at night, as have other members of the force. We were promised by Mr. Pierson, the lieutenant in charge, that we would be recom pensed in the future. It is the alm of all men of the telegraph profession to ad-vance, and we entered the Government service with that understanding. Now when the telegraph business is lessening somewhat, the lieutenant in charge is taking up all trivial affairs that may come to his notice and discharging the men without the formality of notifying them a day ahead. There have been men 'dropped' from the service-some of them entitled to ten and twelve days vacationonly a note, saying 'You are dropped, very sorry."

"Men have been defied vacations, even when they offered to find competent sub-stitutes and lose the pay justiy due them. I myself have worked extra time amounting to forty-three days, for which I would have been paid by the

According to Mr. Wheeler Lieut, Pier-on is far from popular with the opera-ors under him. "On one occasion," said tors under him. "On one occasion," said he, "Lieut. Pierson entered the office and in a foud and threatening manner, stated that there was a traitor in the room; that he knew who he was; that he had divulged a cable message to a newspaper man to further his infecests. All the men reserved the imputation and wigned a statement demanding to know the man's name, which was refused. When we insisted Lieut, Pierson tried

"Lieut, Pierson was for years in charge of the War Department telegraph office in a nominal sense. There was nothing to do until the war came and he became the head of the department by reason of precedence, and not for any distinguished ability—the office growing, on account of the increased business, until the tele graphic bureau became a distinct depart-

"It is a well-known fact that the chief signal officer whose duty it should have been to take charge of the office as well as all other telegraphic offices of the Government is not in entire accord with the management of the office. It is equally well known that Lieut, Pierso would have been relieved of what he terms his very important duties long ere this, were it not for the fact that the most experienced in the country, have themselves practically run the office the satisfaction of the Government." Several of the men stated this morn ing that a committee will be appointed to present their grievances to Assistant Secretary Melklejohn and request of him that proper redress be given them and an abolishment ordered of the abuses

to which they claim to have been sub-jected by Lieut Pierson. Said one of the men: "Briefly stated, our indictment is: We were promised everything when we gave up our post tions, promotions, extra pay, etc. received what the sports term, the double cross. Even ordinary vacationary being denied. Of course we sha double cross. Even ordinary vacati pay being denied. Of course we sh ask to have the matter investigated."

Operators Resign. Late this afternoon the following operators of the day force handed in their resignations as the result, it is alleged,

Chief Operator L. M. Smith. Assistant Chief Samuel C. Wheeler, Preston B. Duff and W. M. Weber.

It is intimated that more resignations

will follow when the members of the night force report for duty at 5 o'clock this

Lieut. Pierson was seen by a reporter for The Times this afternoon and asked for a statement. He refused to make any reply to the charges of the operators.

Strangled at Play,

Reading, Pa., Aug. 25.-Irwin H., the eight-months'-old son of Irwin Gebart, of Leesport, met death yesterday morn-ing by strangulation. The child was put on the front porch to play. Fifteen minutes later Mrs. Gehret went to the front door to see what the child was doing, when she was horrified to find by boy wedged fast between rw. The child was dead from stran

Tobacco-Using Ministers Barred. Columbus, Ohio, Aug. 25.-The Central Ohlo conference of the Christian Church adopted unanimously yesterday a resolu-tion barring from the conference any minister who uses tobacco in any form,

\$1,25. Tickets good going on all trains Saturay and Sunday, August 27 and 28, valid to return until following Monday.

Best Carpenters Buy Their Lumber at Libbey & Co., 6th and N. Y. Ave.

HOSPITALS IN PORTO BICO. evere Criticisms by an Ohio Colone

Columbus, Ohio, Aug. 25.-Col. A. B.

Colt, of the Fourth Ohio, has written some a letter criticising the hospital arrangements in Porto Rico. The letter, which is dated Guayamo, August 15, says: "I am glad that we will soon be at home, for if we stay here every man who goes to the general hospital will die. We an take care of our sick, but are not permitted to do so.

"They must be sent to the general ho pital to be neglected and starved. It is wful. Doctors Somans and Wright, of our regiment, and the surgeons of the Fourth Pennsylvania and Third Illinois have all protested. Col. Case, of the Fourth Pennsylvania, and Surgeon Shaw, of the Third Illinois, are under arres ecause they protested against the present plan. I am not arrested, but you know it has not been my fault."

BOY HURLED THIRTY FEET.

in Attempting to Escape One Dan ger He Enters Another.

Reading, Pa., Aug. 25.-George Van Billiard, aged seven, was in danger of being run down by a runaway team at Second and Grape Streets yesterday afternoon when in getting out of the way he stepped in front of a Wilmington and Northern train. The engine struck the lad and hurled him about thirty feet. He was unconscious when picked up and it was found that he had sustained three ugly cuts on his head besides numerous body bruises. But slight hopes are entertained for his recovery.

ORDERED TO BREAK CAMP

Soldiers at Fernandina Will Be Moved to Huntsville.

SICKNESS IN THE RANKS

Proops About to Be Mustered Out of Service Are Ordered to Hantily Charge Their Quarters-Sanitary Condition of the Tented City Is Worse Than Hitherto Reported,

Fernandina is another of the camps that is to be abandoned on account of its un

The following order was sent by the adjutant general's office to Gen. Coppinger early this morning:

Gen. Coppinger, Huntsville, Ala.: "You will give orders for the removaof all of your corps now at Fernandina to Huntsville or vicinity. This movement should be expedited in every way possi

paper dispatches for several days that Fernandina is full of sickness, but the War Department has done everything pos-sible to discredit the stories. They are now acknowledged to be true. Fever is prevalent. It is not believed there is any yellow fever, but typhoid is

breaking out all over the camp. The

onditions have been growing wors Huntsville is one of the new camps recently established. It is believed to be absolutely healthful. Many of the Chick-amauga regiments have also been sent there as announced heretofore in The

Nearly all the Fernandina troops are on the list scheduled to be mustered out. They have only a few weeks more servtce anywhere and the fact that they are to be transferred at this late date shows how pressing the War Department conhow pressing the War Department con-siders the need of abandoning Fernan-

The list of troops at Fernandina is a follows :First Florida, Second Georgia, Fifth Maryland, Third Pennsylvania, One Hundred and Fifty-seventh Indiana, Fifth Ohio, Second New York, Thirty-second Michigan, Sixty-ninth New York

NAVAL ORDERS

ommodore Remey to Succeed Rea Admiral Carpenter at Portsmouth, Rear Admiral C. C. Carpenter, retired

has been detached from the command o the navy yard at Portsmouth, N. H., and ordered home. Commodore G. C. Remey, who has been in command of the nava base at Key West, has been ordered to relieve Admiral Carpenter as commandant at Portsmouth, N. H.

Lleut. Commander W. J. Barnette ha een given two months sick leave. Lieut. Commander H. Winslow has been ordered to return to the command of the Fern, when he is discharged from the

hospital at Newport, R. I.

The naval orders today contain the of-ficial publication of the promotions re-cently given to Lieut. Brumby and the other officers at Manila for their gal-lant service during the recent bombard-ment. Each of the following is advanced

five numbers: Ensign W. P. Scott, Naval Cadet W White, Lieut. Benj. Tappan, Lieut. T. I. Brumby and Ensign H. H. Caldwell. Lieut. James H. Hetherington has been detached from the Marietta and ordered o the Independence. Lieut, Frank K. Hill has been detached

rom the lowu and ordered to the Burent of Equipment.

Lieut, J. E. Morse, retired, detached from the Michigan and ordered home.

Lieux, R. P. Carroll has been detached from the Newark and ordered home.

Ensign J. R. Barrell has been detached rom the Vicksburg and ordered home. Lieut. W. H. Slayton has been detach

ed from the command of the Alle ordered immediately to comman Huntress.
Lieut. W. R. Addicks is relieved from
command of the Huntress and ordered
mmediately to command the Alleen.
Lieuts. W. L. R. Emmet, C. E. Lothrop and T. H. Newberry have been honora-bly discharged from the navy. Lieut, W. E. Gunn has been detached from the command of the Vigilant and ordered to establish the headquarters of

the Ninth District Auxiliary Naval force Federalists in Hungary. Budapest, Aug. 25.—A number of agi

following this decision by the ap nent of a committee to further the ob The matter has attracted very litde attention here until today when the owepapers came out in violent opposi

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French Fishing Schooner Sunk by the Steamship Norge.

FATAL COLLISION AT SEA

Only Nine Out of Twenty-five of a Satting Vessel's Crew Rescued. on the Other Vessel In-

New York, Aug. 25.-The Thingvalls Line steamship Norge sunk the French ishing schooner La Coquette, of Bayonne France, on Saturday last, August 20, or the Grand Banks. The captain and eight seamen were saved; slxteen went down with the unfortunate vessel.

The Norge sailed from Stettin and Co enhagen August 10, Christina August 11 and Christiansand August 12, with seven first and thirty-three second cabin pas sengers and 143 steerage passengers.. The weather was generally fine to the Banks, off Newfoundland, when it became foggy On Saturday, August 20, between 3 and o'clock in the afternoon, the weather was foggy, but not so thick that the vessel's speed was reduced. Capt. Knudsen said he could see about three cable lengths ahead. The wind was fairly brisk from the west-southwest when a vessel suddenly loomed up from the north with sails full, and stood directly across the bow of the steamer. The bells were rung to stop and back at full speed, but too late to check the steamer's headway to full stop.

The stranger, a fishing schooner, fell across the bow and with a crash was forced over and sunk. As the impact occurred three men sprang aboard of th Norge. Theh passengers of the Norge most of whom were about the decks rushed about in confusion with alarm at the shock, but soon quieted when they earned that the steamship was unintured.

In the meantime, a boat was lowered and six men and a deg were picked up. The fishing vessel sank almost immediately and in sinking carried with her sixof her crew. Among those saved

was the captain. Capt, Knudsen, of the Norge, said that as a steam vessel he was obliged to keep out of the way of all sailing craft, but that this was a time when the sailing vessel could do more to help herself tha the steamer. The latter was going ahead at full speed, for the fog was not, in the judgment of the captain, sufficient to reduce headway. The fisherman was an active vessel, had a good breeze and was under good steerage way but made no attempt to avoid the collision, keeping his sails full until squarely under the bow. The collision occurred so suddenly that the steamship's headway could not be stopped promptly. The large hull of the Norge should have been visible for a long distance. This is the substance of Capt. Knudsen's statement.

THE NEW JERSEY VOLUNTEERS Governor Voorhees Urges That They Be Mustered Out

Elizabeth, N. J., Aug. 25.-Governar ton last night, where he had been to bonsult with the War Department con berning the mustering out of the New Versey State volunteers, said this morning that nothing definite had been acbomplished, but that by the end of the fweek he expected to hear from the de-

riment.
'I strongly believe," said Governor Woorhees, "that every volunteer who wishes to return should now be mustered out. I believe the Government will think

out. I believe the Government was them so soon. The troops at Sea Girt will stay there until that time comes."

As the governor was talking, he opened a letter from one of the military combanies of the State which stated that nine-tenths of the members were heartily in favor of his mustering out plan.

WARVIAND TROOPS.

Sick Volunteers Will Be Taken to Raltimore in Hospital Cars, Baltimore, Aug. 25.-The bringing homof the sick soldiers of the Fifth and Firs daryland Regiments is to be undertaken by the State. Gov. Lowndes has author ized Brigadier General Lawrason Riggs who is acting adjutant general, to take charge of the movement of the men from

the hospitals they are now in to Baltimore. Gen. Riggs was busy yesterday com nunicating with the railroads to arrange for the required transportation. The expense of moving the men to Baltimore will be paid out of the emergency war appropriation made by the last legisla-ture. Some difficulty is being experienc-

ed in getting the desired cars. The State of Pennsylvania has sent ter special trains South to bring hon soldiers belonging to the volunteer regi-ments from that State. One of these trains passed through Baltimore yester day, making a short stop at Union Sta tion. This train is to bring back the sic of the Third Pennsylvania Regiment, who

The resources of the State military The resources of the State military departments will be used by Gen. Riggs to facilitate the movement of the Maryland sick from the crowded military hospitals to the City Hospital in Baltimore. An entire new ward is being fitted up for the use of the men at the City Hospital and supplies of bed linen and blankets will be needed for this purpose. The donations of money and supplies which have been made will not be needed for the men en route to Baltimore, as the State will furnish whatever is needed. It is the purpose of the committee of physicians, who started the movement to bring the sick soldiers home, to use these contributions for the men while being treated in the hospital with whatbeing treated in the hospital with what-ever further donations may be made. Dr. J. M. T. Finney, associate surgeon of the Johns Hopkins Hospital, will go to Huntsville on the hospital train. He will take with him two nurses and four hospital orderlies.

Flynn's Business College, 8th and K. ns, shorthand, typewriting \$25 a yr. Breakfast 15c. and 25c.at Le Fetra's.

A O. H. Norfolk excursion, Aug. 27.

A PEDDLER STONED TO DEATH. Race Troubles in Seldier Camps at Chattanooga, Chatanooga, Tenn., Aug. 3.—A negro

peddler was stoned to death in the camp yesterday and two others were badly in-

jured. One will die. The trouble started Tuesday night when Quartermaster Sergeant Jacob Frank, of the Ninth New York, was knocked under a train at Chattanoogs, by a negro named Cattrolis, and fatally injured. The members of the regiment swore they would kill any colored person caught in the vicinity of their camp.

Yesterday two colored peddlers took up their usual stand near the regiment. They were immediately surrounded by an an gry mob of soldlers armed with clubs and stones. The colored men attempted to escape, but a fusillade of rocks stopped them. One of the men was killed and the other received injuries that it is thought will prove fatal. A negro ple vendor ventured into the camp of the First New Hampshire later on. The wagon was immediately looted and the owner mobbed and but for the timely arrival of the guard would have been

BURNING OF A BREWERY

An Ammonia Explosion Destroys a New York Plant.

HEAVY LOSSES SUSTAINED

Women in Upper Stories of th Building, Overcome by the Fumes, Saved From Death by Firemen Works of the Central Bottling Company Destroyed.

New York, Aug. 25 .- At an early hour this morning a tank of ammonia exploded in the Jacob Hoffman Crescent Brewery, at 206 East Fifty-fifth Street, setting fire to the building. With marvelous rapidity the flames spread to the plant of the Central Bottling Company, When the firemen arrived a cry wa made that several men were in the basement of the brewery.

Firemen made their way to the place and found the men almost overcome by the ammonia fumes. The bottling works only occupied the first floor of the Fiftyfifth Street building, while the floors above were occupied by families.

A fireman found a sick woman on the top floor nearly suffocated. He carried her down a ladder to safety Later five other women, who were frientened into seness, were recued. In all about fifty persons were rescued by firemen. Several women fainted and others who refused to leave the place were carried out by force. It is believed all were saved. The Hoffman Brewery was completely destroyed. The loss is estimated at be tween \$300 000 and \$400 000.

The Central Bottling Works and building, in which they were situated, was wrecked. The entire loss is unknown.

GEN. ALGER IN THE FIELD

Sleeping Under a Tent.

CONDITIONS AT MONTAUK

Soldiers Going Into the Hospitale Two Hundred a Day-Nearly Fifteen Hundred Now on the Sick List-Pearful Result of Tuesday's Storm-Arrival of Transports.

Montauk Point, Aug. 25 Secretary Alger did not sleep under canvas in Gen. Wheeler's tent last night, as he said he would, but when clouds began to gather he took refuge in President Baldwin's private car. This morning Gen. Algedid not appear until the fog had begun to lift and then he strolled about the quartermaster's warehouses, watching

There has been little official ceremon about his visit. Two days after the military arrival the price of everything went up 75 per cent and how a common pie sells for 15 or 25 cents.

The debarkation of the troops from the

The debarkation of the troops from the eighteenth transport to arrive here did not excite any enthusiasm among the relatives of the soldiers who had come to meet them. Capt. Capron and his men of the First Artillery are on the Arcadia. The arrival of Gen. Shafter is expected before Monday.

When men are going into hospital at the rate of 200 a day, nearly everything else will have to be dropped for hospital building, unless there is a change for the better. It is estimated that no less than 500 men either took to their beds or

than 500 men either took to their beds or sought medical attention in their camps as the result of Tuesday's storm.

The physicians have feared a general collapse on the part of many of the convalescents. A large proport on of the men who have had fever are so undermined in strength that they cannot even now be considered out of danger. Half of the applicants for prescriptions at the hosapplicants for prescriptions at the hos-pital have pulmonary affections and pneu-monia promises to be as prevalent as ty-

phoid fever.
Yesterday, when the record of typhoid cases reached the 200 mark, the authorities stopped giving out the statistics. The Red Cross yacht takes twenty patients away to New Haven every day, but the wards remain full.

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When Schretary Allger visited the hospitals yesterday he was informed that there were 700 patients there. It was apparent on its face that this statement was incorrect and has night Surgeon Colonel Forwood made a quiet of every man in the hospitals. He found fifty officers and 555 men in the innext hospital and 370 men in the innext. In the detention hospital there were 32. In the annex were 370 men. Tast was at 4 o'clock in the afternoon and afterward sixty-two men came in military the total 1,000. Surgeon Colonel 70 mood said he could not understand they the erroneous statement was given to the secretary, but it was undoubted a natable.

La Fetra's, Eleventh and G Street Family away? Dine at Le Fetra's-25c

HOPING FOR AN INQUIRY

tigation of Miles' Charges.

WANT THE BLAME FIXED

Alger Has Not Yet Thought Proper to Order a Board to Delve Into the Various Complaints of Mismanagement.

About the War Department the ques etency, carelessness and even crim are in favor of a rigid general investiga belongs and relieve the innocent.

looked into. It has been the hope of many in the

War Department that Secretary Alger himself, as the head of the office, and the man most directly responsible for the general conduct of the war plans, would order the investigation. Secretary Alger has left the city for an indefinite time, however, and his most intimate assist ants do not know anything of his plans. It is said that he may even remain away for a month or more. It is not believed now that he contemplates doing anything whatever toward making a real search for the incompetents in his department The fact that he has refused the investigation requested by Surgeon General Sternberg, is believed to indicate his attitude in the matter. Open letters, bulletins and reports have been issued in large numbers and are still under course of preparation but it is perceived by all army officers and others who really desire to know the truth that these only give one side of the story and are simdefense, the other side not being represented.

for telling the truth about Santiago. It is understood that both Gen. Miles and Col. Roosevelt have gathered facts and statistics about the situation at Santiago during and after the surrender of servations and experiences. Friends of oth these officers are confident that they

will insist on making them public. the time when they will come to Washington. Gen. Miles was expected to leave Preferred a Private Car to Porto Rico early this week, but he is still

BODY HORRIBLY MANGLED.

Reading Woman Run Down by an Engine and Killed.

coal on the tracks. She attempted to cross over in fron or the engine when she was struck and horribly mangled. Both legs were cut off above the knees, her left hand was crushed and her head badly cut and

HANGED IN HIS CELL

day, said he acted crazy. Bolton told another prisoner that four criminal charges were aginst him at Pittsburg, where he lately stayed, and it is sup-

RECEPTION FOR SAMPSON.

Citisens of Glen Bidge Are Arranging for a Demostration.

Glen Ridge, N. J., Aug. 25.—The citizens of Glen Ridge he'd an informal meeting at the Glen Ridge Club last might to arrange for a reception to Admiral Sampson. might to arrange for a reception to Ad-miral Sampson. A committee of fifty leading citizens was appointed by Mayor Ruidt to have charge of the demonstra-tion. It will be held in the clubhouse, probably next Saturday night. Admiral Sampson left his home in Clark Street early this morning for Tompkins-ville, R. I.

Philadelphia, Aug. 25.-James W. Barr, wanted in Baltimore on the charge of mbezzlement and larceny, was captured on the street in this city this morning by Detectives Bond and Murray. Murray

"You are mistaken."
"Don't you know me?" said Murray.
"Are you not Jimmy Barr, of Balti-"Yes, I am," said Barr, "but I don't

orts on the Brooklyn Before Departing for Washington.

ADMIBAL SCHLEY ON DUTY.

Norwalk, Conn., Aug. 25.-Admira Schley has fully recovered from his recent illness. He rested well last night. After a hearty breakfast he was driven to the Saugatuck depot where he boarded the 9 o'clock express for New York.

He will report at once on board the flagship Brooklyn.

The admiral contemplates going immediately to Washington, but may delay his departure from New York until tomorrow. A big crowd at the Naugatuck depot gave the admiral a rousing farewell, which he gracefully acknowledged. When the train arrived at South Norwalk there was another demonstration. He did not leave the car, smiling and shaking his head at the many requests. The admiral however, reached from the window shaking hands until the train started.

New York, Aug. 25.-Admiral Schley arrived here at 10:15 o'clock this morning. He took a ferry boat for Tompkinsville. There he boarded the Brooklyn.

A MESSAGE FROM MERRITT.

He Reports the Arrival of Transports at Manila.

The War Department received the following today from Gen. Merritt at Ma-

"Rio de Janeiro and Pennsylvania arrived 24th; all well; no casualties, excepting Private Wenks First South Dakota, who died between San Francisco and Honolu-

Second List of Troops to Be Mustered Out.

MANY NOW IN PORTO RICO

everal of the Regiments, However, Were Awaiting the Order, "Forward March!" in Their State Camps Since They Enlisted for the War-Making Haste Slowly.

The second list of troops designated to be mustered out of the volunteer army was issued at noon today by the adjutant general's office. It is as follows:

Three Louisiana Light Batteries. Two Rhode Island Batteries. Two Iowa Batteries. Two Oregon Batteries.

One Wisconsin Battery. Two troops Kentucky Volunteer Cav-

Light Battery A, Missouri Light Artillery. Twenty-seventh Light Battery, Indiana

Artillery. Light Batteries A. B and C. Pennsylrania Volunteer Artillery. Fourth Regiment Pennsylvania Infantry. Sixth Regiment Illinois Infantry.

Second Regiment Wisconsin Infantry. Several of the troops and regiments in this list have not left their State camps now in Porto Rico.

The alleged complete fists hertofore published of the 100,000 troops to be mustered out are inaccurate and based or pure speculation. The official list of today and that issued yesterday show this to be so very clearly. They contain several regiments not mentioned in the "forecasts." It is also known that several regiments mentioned in the "forecasts" will be retained in the service indefinitely.

Up to the present the mustering our lists contain about 16,000 of the 100,000 men to be discharged. It is believed that the entire number will not be designated

before the end of next week.
It is understood that the First and Fourth Wisconsin Infantry Regiments have been added to the list to be mustered

out. BLAZE IN A TENEMENT HOUSE. Exciting Seenes at the Burning of a

Six-Stery Building. New York, Aug. 25 .- It is believed that several lives were lost in a tenement house which was destroyed by fire this morning.

The six story building at Nos. 731 and

733 Fift hStreet, was entirely gutted. Firemen and policemen began searching the ruins for bodies as soon as the fire as Lined. More than 150 persons lived in the double-tenement. When the fire started a panic began

among the tenants. There were several

thrilling rescues. The prompt work of the firemen and police doubtless saved many lives. Max police doubtiess saved many lives. Max Stein, a deaf mute, who lived on the top floor of the house, fell down an air shaft and is dying at a hospital. Several fre-men were overcome by smoke. While the fire was blazing furiously two old women rushed out of the front door. Each had two children in her arms. The women were loudly applauded by the crowd. A baby was thrown from a sec-ond story window, but was caught and ond story window, but was caught and saved by a fireman.

saved by a fireman.
Seven demijohns of kerosene were found in the cellar of the tenement, which pointed to incendiarism us the cause of the fire.

The police are investigating.
At noon the police decided that all of the tenants of the building except Stein bed serond in cellul. He received the tenants of the building except Stein had escaped in safety. He received a fracture of the skull and cannot live.

Fruit for Siek Soldiers.

sick and wounded soldiers a Washington Barracks and at Fort Myer Washington Barracks and at Fort ager were treated today by Major Richard Sylvester and the police of No. 1 pre-cinct, under Lieut. T. B. Amiss, to a supply of fruit. There has been for sev-eral days a scarcity of fruit at the hos-pitals, and yesterday it was arranged to purchased two boxes of oranges. One box was sent to the barracks and the

A. O. H. Norfolk excursion, Aug. 27, Only 4e foot for Wheelwright Only

that's clear, white, dry and seaso

DISCUSSING THE TREATY

Senators Frye and Davis Consult With the President.

THE NEW CENSUS BUREAU

Rumors That John E. Milholland Will Have Charge of the Office. Colonel Kennan, of the Fifth Ohio. Visita Mr. McKinley-Details Soldiers' Woes in Florida.

Senators Davis and Frye, of the peace sion, spent the greater part of this morning with the President. Tonoon Secretary Day came over from the State Department and it is believed that there was a thorough discussion of the terms of the proposed treaty with Spain.

It is not true, as has been published. that Gen. Benjamin F. Tracy, former Secretary of the Navy, and Justice White, of the Supreme Court, have accepted places on the peace commission. The President has requested Justice White to accept a commissionership, but the eminent jurist has not yet formally accepted. He is said to be reluctant to serve lest he should be regarded as the representative of the Catholic Church, and he would not wish to compromise the Government, even to the extent of appearing to combine the interests of

church and state, Senators Davis and Frye after their conference with the President had a long interview with Secretary Day. Soon after leaving the State Department these gentlemen remarked that it was probable that something important would develop in a day or two. This, evidently, means that the peace commissioners will be announced before the end of this week. It is not at all certain that Gen. Tracy has been asked to serve on the commission, and if the tender has been made it is even less certain that it will be ac-

It can be stated upon absolutely unimpeachable authority that Senator Thomas C. Platt, of New York, has not attempted to influence the President in favor of or against any candidate for a peace commissionership. He has expressed himself as being opposed to giving Whitelaw Reid anything, which expression was brought out by the report that Mr. Reld would be appointed to the London embassy to suceed Col. Hay, who will become Secretary of State, when Judge Day retires to take charge of the American end of the peace

negotiations. The mere suggestion of a possibility of appointing Mr. Reid to any position is sufficient to stir the New York senator's

bile to the point of seething. There was a rumor about the White House this morning that influences are being exerted to have John E. Milholland, of New York, appointed to supervise the taking of the next census. This is another suggestion that is calculated to keep Sen-

ator Platt's bile in process of eruption for some time to come At one time Mr. Milholland was Senator Platt's most trusted lieutenant. He became identified with the political interests of the astute New York leader when a very young man, and all that he knows of Empire State politics he learned under Mr. Platt's tutelage. But what h during the war. The others are nearly all did learn he learned thoroughly. It was through Mr. Platt's influence that Mr. Milholland was appointed supervising inspector of the Immigration Bureau a few years ago. He would probably be Mr. Platt's lieutenant today had it not been for the quarrel between the senator and under Mr. Reid on the New York Tribune, and when the factional split in the party occurred he cast his lot with the anti-Platt section, represented and supported

largely by Mr. Reid. Mr. Milholiand's political schooling then stood him in good stead. He had one of the most important things that he learned from Mr. Platt was the value of organization. He applied that knowledge so well that the anti-Platt faction became an important factor. Milholland is now strong enough politically to stand alone. If he is appointed to take charge of the census of 1960 it will indicate that he has broken loose from Mr. Reid and that he has become reconciled with Mr. Platt. It is practically safe to say, according to a New York politician, that in the absence of such reconciliation the

appointment will never be made Among those who called on the President this morning was Col. C. L. Kennan, of the Fifth Ohio Regiment, now stationed at Fernandina, Col. Kennan has one of the best equipped regiments in the volunteer service. He told the President that his men were almost unanimous in desiring to continue in the army and he suggested that he be permitted to discharge such members of each company as desired to return to their homes for family or business reasons, or for disability. He thought the regiment would be more effective if reduced to about eighty-six me

Col. Kennan said that there was a great deal of sockness at both Tampo and Fer-nandina. He would not criticise the War Department, but admitted that there had been mismangement in the care of the sick. In his opinion, however, individuals were responsible, not the De-partment as a whole.

When Col. Kennan left Fernandina on Sunday night, a number of sick men of the 157th Indiana were placed on the train to be sent to their homes. No pro-

rision whatever had been made to care for the sick during the journey. They had neither medicine nor proper food, such as sterilized milk. They were simply tossed upon the train, as it were, to shift for themselves. One of the men died within two hours after the crain smalled. started.

Col. Kennun has lost on'y two of his men from fever. He did not depend upon the commissary department for his supply of milk for the sick. Twenty-five or thirty men were detailed every day to scour the country for miles around to procure milk. A total of eighty-four sick and two deaths is the remarkable record of this fine regiment, which numbers 1,339 men.

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tion is asked more and more frequently Will there be an investigation, and army officers who suffer directly and indirectly from the charges of incominality in the management of the war tion that shall fix the blame where it

It is known also that several member of the Cabinet are destrous of getting at the bottom of the charges for one rea son. That is, because the President himself and his Administration are to an extest held accountable. It is lieved from several statements made by Cabinet officers and other friends of President McKinley that he is anxious to have affairs in the War Department

The two officers who are relied on as le instigators of the investigation are Gen . Miles, the commanding general in the army and Col. Theodore Roosevelt, the officer who received the evere reprimand from Secretary Alger

the city in addition to their own ob-Nothing positive can be learned as to

Reading, Pa., Aug. 25.-A horrible acident occurred at 9 o'clock yesterday morning at the Spring Street crossing of the Philadelphia and Reading Rail-road, in this city. Mrs. William H. Glass and her two sons were picking

bruised. She only lived several minute

Prisoner in Uniontown Jail Com-Uniontown, Pa., Aug. 25.—Henry Bol-on, colored a prisoner in the county jail, sanged himself in his cell yesterday vening. Bolton twisted a towel into a rope and choked to death.

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osed these troubles caused his act

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